OPENING DAY
June 23 • 11am - 4pm
THE RIBBON-CUTTING

10:30 GRAND STAIRCASE ON JESUP
The Hartford Hot Several Brass Band kicks off opening day with New Orleans-style music.

11:00 OPENING CEREMONY
Join Executive Director Bill Harmer, First Selectman Jim Marpe, Board President Iain Bruce and special guests for the ribbon-cutting.

IN THE FORUM

11:30 DANCE
Dance along with The Westport/Weston Family YMCA Dance Center

12:00 CREATE
Balam Soto will transform the Grandstand and the Forum’s video wall into interactive digital art.

12:30 BE AMAZED
Coney Island Circus Sideshow’s Adam RealMan performs daring and unusual acts.

1:00 LISTEN
Join Lori Cochran and Bill Taibe for A Seat at the Table, one of the podcasts being produced in the Library’s new media studio.

1:30 BOOKED HONOREE
Frederic Chiu, our Booked for the evening honoree plays the new piano on the Forum Stage.

2:00 FAMILY CONCERT
Join Music for Children and Beyond for an interactive family concert.

2:30 THEATRE
Play with Your Food performance that turns the entire space into a stage.

3:00 PODCASTING
Join Westport’s Miggs & Trace Burroughs in the studio as they record their show.

3:30 MUSIC
Suzuki Music School of Westport presents 8 talented young student soloists – music by Mozart, Beethoven, Kriesler, Wieniawski, Vivaldi

IN THE RECORDING STUDIO

Explore the Library’s exciting new state-of-the-art Recording Studios with activities, demonstrations and presentations.

IN THE WRITING CENTER

11:30 The Westport Center for Senior Activities writing program, led by Jan Bassin, hosts hands-on writing activities for the whole family.

2:00 The Fairfield Scribes are also on hand with drop-in readings and workshops.

IN THE MEETING ROOMS

11:00 - 4:00 LEARN BY DOING
Stop by the meeting and study rooms for a bite-sized learning experience. Each room will offer a micro-lesson on everything from first aid to art appreciation. Lead by our Community Partners

BROOKS PLACE

12:00 BOOK BUZZ with Library staff
2:00 SYBIL STEINBERG & her favorite books
2:30 BOOK BUZZ with Library staff
IN THE CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

Join our Children’s Staff in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Eric Carle’s *The Very Hungry Caterpillar.*

**ALL DAY ACTIVITIES**

*Sign up for Summer Reading!* 

IN THE MAKERSPACE

Explore the Library’s new cutting-edge MakerSpace with activities, demonstrations and presentations.

**DROP-IN MAKER PROJECT**

Help make an infinity mirror in the MakerSpace

IN THE CAFÉ & ON THE DECK

The Café is the place to refresh and relax all day. Enjoy live acoustic music and the beautiful view of the Saugatuck River.

11:30 - 1:00 **ENJOY**

Guitarist **Glenn Roth** plays some acoustic favorites

Look for **Shake Shack** serving a cool treat on the deck!

30 DAYS of The WESTPORT LIBRARY

**JUNE 23 - JULY 22**

Experience all the exciting new features of the transformed Library one day at a time...

*Learn more at westportlibrary.org*
IN THE GALLERIES

TERRAIN
Paintings by Michael Brennecke
On Exhibit: June 23 - September 12
Opening Reception: Friday, June 28 from 6-7:30 pm
Artist-to-Artist Talk with Miggs Burroughs:
Thursday, August 1 from 6-7 pm
Location: Sheffer Room

TRANSFORMATION: The Workers
Photography by Richard Frank
On Exhibit: June 23 to September 4
Opening Reception:
Wednesday, July 10 from 6-7 pm
Location: South Gallery

THE LOST NEGATIVES
Photography by Michael Friedman
On Exhibit: June 23 - September 17
Opening Reception:
Thursday, July 25 from 6-7 pm
Location: Jesup Gallery

THE ARTIST IS IN!
RESOURCING: A Tactile Fiber Tale Project
by Sooo-z Mastropietro
On Exhibit: June 23 to July 11
Location: Conference Room #213 on the upper level

A SPECIAL THANKS

The Library would like to thank the Westport community for its unwavering support of the Transformation Project. Together, we have created a Library that benefits patrons of all ages, and will continue to do so for generations to come. We could not have done this without your support.

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Finally, thank you to the Board of Trustees: Iain Bruce, President, Jocelyn Barandiaran, Russ Baris, Scott Bennewitz, Andrea Berkeley, Ken Bernhard, Jonathan Cunitz, Emily DiMiceli, Rob Haroun, Randy Herbertson, Adrian Hinojos, Sivan Hong, Lucy Johnson, Celeste LaCroix, Maggie Mudd, Jeremy Price, Joe Pucci, Susan Ross, Pat Wieser, and Andrew Wilk.

Here’s to Westport’s Library of the Future, may it be a place for all of us to gather, learn, and create for years to come!

Bill Harmer
Executive Director

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